(b) whether it is a fact that the number of flights is insufficient to cope with the rush of tourists; and

(c) what Government propose to ensure that the local people do not suffer during the coming winter because of the absence of an air-link between Leh and the rest of the country with Manali and Zozila Pass roads closed following snow-fall ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Presently Indian Airlines operates 7 services a week to Leh as against 11 in the Summer Schedule of 1992.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Due to shortage of operating crew it has not been possible to schedule more flights to Leh. Traffic trend to Leh is closely being monitored with a view to operating additional flights to meet seasonal demand.

Shops constructed in Ashoka Hotel

4207. SHRI MATANG SING : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of shops constructed in the Ashoka Hotel and how many of them have been let out to tenants for commercial purpose together with the date of their occupation;

(b) whether any tenant has been served with eviction notice, and if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the notification issued to Public Sector Undertaking under the Premises Act by the Ministry of Urban Development, has been followed while issuing eviction notice to the above tenants, and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed on the officer concerned for violating the norms prescribed in the said notification, and if not, what are the reasons therefor, and what other steps are proposed to be taken to compensate the tenants for the loss suffered while protecting themselves in the Court of Law ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Necessary information is given at the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Total number of shops constructed in Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, details of Licensees and date of Initial Allotment

Shop No.	Name of Licensee	Date of Initial Allotment
1.	M/s. Al-Jawahar	February 1991
2.	M/s. Gift Centre	January 1991
3.	M/s. Mahalaxmi	August 1985
4.	M/s. Ramzana & Co.	October 1973
5.	M/s. Cottage Arts Emporium	February 1977
6.	M/s. Kumar Art Gallery	June 1961
7.	M/s. Shree Sidhartha Exports	July 1975
8.	M/s. Fabiroo Gift House	November 1969
9.	M/s. MA Ramzana	January 1968
10.	M/s. Rajasthli (Rajasthan Small Indl. Corpn.)	February 1968
11.	M/s. Burlingtons	November 1956
12.	M/s. Deep Book Co.	March 1966
13.	M/s. A. K. Midha	September 1972
14.	M/s. Hypnotique	November 1968
15.	M/s. Rajasthan Jewel Palace	September 1986
16.	M/s. Iran Air—Ticketing Counter	December 1978
17.	M/s. Products of India	April 1962
18.	M/s. Jagat Narain & Sons	March 1962
19.	M/s. Air India—Ticketing Counter	August 1961
20.	M/s. Indian Airlines—Ticketing Counter	February 1968
21.	M/s. Ashoka Florist	September 1957
22.	M/s. Himalayan Travel & Tours	April 1977
23.	M/s. Central Bank of India	April 1957
24.	M/s. Central Bank of India	April 1957

25.	M/s. Fabiroo Gift House	July 1985
26.	M/s. Khadi Gramodyog Bhawan	October 1958
27.	M/s. M. Ahmed Joo	November 1960
28.	M/s. Maharani of India	February 1962
29.	M/s. Burlingtons	November 1956
30.	M/s. Victory Carpets	August 1982
31.	M/s. Kashmir Govt. Arts Emporium	February 1968
32.	M/s. Regal Shops	September 1974
33.	M/s. Konark	July 1975
34.	M/s. Incas Ken	January 1978
35.	M/s. Incas	December 1975
36.	M/s. Lakme Limited	November 1971

Position of Vayudoot Staff after merger with I.A.

4208. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot employees have been extended pay perquisites and other service conditions consequent to the merger of Vayudoot with Indian Airlines as applicable to Indian Airlines employees from the effective date of merger; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the total staff strength of Vayudoot as on date;

(c) what is the percentage of staff declared surplus and Government decision on such surplus staff; and

(d) what are the advantages achieved till date consequent to the merger of I.A. with Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Vayudoot employees continue to draw the same pay and allowances as they were drawing earlier, since Vayudoot continues to be a distinct entity in Indian Airlines.

(b) The total staff strength of Vayudoot as on 1-8-93 is 1,490.

(c) None of the staff has been declared surplus.

(d) Indian Airlines is providing increased technical and material support. Besides taking steps for qualitative improvement in operational areas, integrated fleet planning and flight scheduling are being considered to provide more viable and co-ordinated air services. Action has also been initiated to induct modern fuel efficient aircraft to improve reliability and viability of operations.

बिहार में भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम का कार्यालय

4209. **श्री बद्रमदेव आनन्द पासवान :**
श्री शारदा महन्ती :
श्री सोमपाल :

क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम का एकमात्र कार्यालय पटना में स्थित है और उस कार्यालय में निदेशक का पद कई वर्षों से रिक्त पड़ा है;

(ख) इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सुदूर पूर्व के विभिन्न देशों, अफ्रीका और दक्षिण अमरीका में भारी संख्या में बिहार मूल के लोग रहते हैं और ये लोग प्राय: अपने पूर्वजों के स्थान देखने के लिए भारत आना चाहते हैं;

(घ) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ऐसे लोगों को भारत आने के लिए आकर्षित करने हेतु बिहार में पर्यटन के विकास की कोई योजना बनाने का विचार रखती है ताकि भारत भारी मात्रा में विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित कर सके तथा इन देशों के साथ हमारे सांस्कृतिक संबंध भी सुदृढ़ बनें; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद) : (क) और (ख) भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम का पटना में एक होटल है और उस होटल में एक प्रधान प्रबंधक है । वह इस समय अपने पद पर तैनात है ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) और (ङ) पर्यटन विभाग की विदेशों में रह रहे बिहार मूल के लोगों को बिहार की यात्रा करने के लिए आकृष्ट करने की कोई विशिष्ट योजना नहीं है । पर्यटन विभाग विदेश स्थित अपने कार्यालयों के जरिए बिहार सहित सामान्य रूप से भारत का पर्यटन संवर्धन करता है । बिहार में पर्यटन का संवर्धन करने के उद्देश्य से उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में चुनिंदा बौद्ध स्थलों पर आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करने हेतु सरकार ने ओ ई सी एफ (विदेशी आर्थिक सहयोग कोष), जापान के साथ 100 करोड़ रु० से अधिक के ऋण करार पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं ।